



**City of Chicopee
City Council
Public Safety Committee**

Members

Robert J. Zygarowski, Chair
Frank Laflamme, Vice Chair
Jerry Roy
Gary Labrie
Derek Dobosz

APPROVED 9-30-2021

**MINUTES
May 19, 2021**

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Wednesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Members Present Zygarowski, Laflamme, Roy, Labrie, Dobosz

Not Present

Also Present Dan Garvey (Asst. City Solicitor), Councilor Courchesne, Councilor Tillotson (zoom), Councilor Krampits, Lonny Dakin (Deputy Chief Police Department), Councilor Walczak (zoom), Captain Gawron (Police Department), Sargent Gazda (Police Department)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

In compliance with the Open Meeting Law the Chairman asked if anyone in the audience was recording the meeting. Hearing none the meeting continued.

ITEM #1

BE IT ORDERED THAT the Acting Chief and Captain of the Traffic Bureau meet with the Public Safety Committee to discuss initiatives to combat speeding, and illegal dirt bikes and mufflers, with the option to adjourn to executive session if necessary.

Public Input

A constituent stated that she has lived in Chicopee all her life. She stated that she has seen Chicopee flourish and also decline by forces beyond its control. We have people indiscriminately and maliciously coming into our city and creating havoc. She stated it's detrimental to the health and well-being of every citizen in our city. She stated that they are turning our public streets into

their playgrounds. She stated that they are dealing with vehicles that could kill or maim. She stated that these people have no consideration for the residents needs such as the elderly or school children. She stated that she witnessed fifty dirt bikes on the street going through the lights and they took both the left and right lane on Memorial Drive. She stated that she is willing to help in any way she can to solve this problem.

Gerald Lavoie 472 Meadow Street stated that he agrees what she was saying but the kids need a place to ride. He stated that he thinks there's land in Chicopee that the kids can ride.

David Rosinski 200 Lambert Terrace stated that he has an issue with the speeding and the noise. He stated at eleven and twelve o'clock at night the noise is bad. He stated he has called the Chicopee Police and State Police. He stated the noise and speeding is outrageous.

David Perrault 1 Springfield Street Apt 303, stated that his apartment on the third floor faces the street and he refers to it as the Indianapolis 500. From April until November the noise is incisive from 4 pm until 11 pm. He stated that he rode a motorcycle for years and knows what they are capable of doing. He stated on the weekends it could go on until 2:00 or 3:00 am in the morning. He stated that he knows the Police Department shortage that they are facing and has had the privilege of working with some of your colleagues.

Richard Hall from Fair hill North Carolina (via zoom) stated as a one time resident of Chicopee and a graduated of Chicopee Comprehensive High School he continues to be interested in the cities affairs. He stated that we have something of the same problem here in North Carolina. He stated that a longtime friend alerted me to this issue and tonight's meeting. He stated that excessive vehicular noise is a form of noise pollution and is detrimental to human health and well-being as air, water, and soil pollution. He stated that studies have shown it impairs physical health in the form of hearing loss and mental health in the form of stress. He stated now presumably there are laws on the books outlawing noise pollution in all its forms. He stated he appeals to all present to contact the Police and other law enforcement personnel to enforce those laws. Do this in the name of public safety and sanity.

David Rossi 106 Moreau Drive, stated he is a 56 year resident of Chicopee. His street is a primary access street to Sunshine Village, Litwin Elementary School, and the forty two car multi car homes. He stated Memorial Drive has three autistic children that live on it. He stated there are five school bus stops on Memorial Drive. There is a TBI group home on Memorial Drive where residents living there enjoy riding there mobility chairs up and down his street. He stated we have two fully operational day cares. He stated that they are traveling in excessive speeds and endangering the lives of our residents. He stated that motorist ignore flashing red school bus lights constantly. Moreau Drive has had three hit and runs in the past three years. There have been numerous verbal altercations and shouting matches with speeding motorist. He stated that some of our residents happen to be Massachusetts State Police Officers as well as other Law Enforcement. He stated that we worked together with our City Councilor Derek Dobosz and City Engineer Doug Ellis to replace old stop signs, stop lines and cross walks. We're trying to do everything we can to restore the safety of this neighborhood. We have called the Police Department several times. We've done our part; we've met with the traffic bureau and they put up speed radar signs but, we were told there was not enough data to support it. He stated that

tonight he's here with a petition of over one hundred of his neighbors. He stated we are sounding the alarm and asking our Mayor, Acting Police Chief and the City Councilmen to take the necessary steps to engage our Police Department and do the job that's going to restore the safety to our small neighborhood streets. He stated that the law states it should not be in excess of twenty miles per hour within a school zone. He stated that he's asking to have the Mayor, the Police Chief, the City Council and our city resources to please restore our city streets to safety. He stated that he understands the constraints that the Police Department operates in and that's why we are calling on the Mayor. He stated that the dirt bikes come in from Main Boulevard.

Jennifer Santerre 79 Moreau Drive stated that they have several autistic children that reside on our street and the vehicles travel very fast and do not abide by any speed limit. Throughout the day transportation vans bring folks to and from Sunshine Village. She stated that they rev their engine and they race. She stated that there have been an increase of dirt bikes and quads on the road and they do not abide by any rules. She stated that they have to keep their toddler in the back yard it's just too dangerous. Her neighbor almost got hit last year by a car that was speeding and on their cell phone.

Councilor Roy stated that he has witness reckless speeding to endanger. He stated it's a serious problem throughout the whole city and the Police Department is doing what they can to alleviate the problem.

Councilor Courchesne stated that he called the meeting so the public can have a chance to address everyone personally. He stated that when he called the Police Department it took him so long to get through to dispatch to tell them what was going on. He stated that if the Mayor has to appropriate overtime he does not think anyone in the city will complain. He suggested undercover police to catch these guys.

Councilor Labrie stated that everyone tells him that they go faster down the side roads and cut through. He stated that they go fifty to sixty miles per hour. You can't call the Police because they are going to miss that call. He stated it's a tough situation. He stated that he knows we are making headway and that's why we are here tonight.

Councilor Dobosz stated that there is a four way stop on Moreau Drive near Litwin School and they just fly through there. He understands we have a shortage of officers. He stated maybe the State Police can come in once or twice a month to try to combat some of the speeding issues on Memorial Drive. He stated that Springfield has a strict dirt bike policy; if they catch illegal dirt bikes they actually destroy them that same day so criminals are not able to get their bikes back. He stated that he would support doing something like that in Chicopee. He stated that he would have no problem filing that and supporting it.

Councilor Laflamme stated that every year we have this problem and it's getting worse. He stated that we have eleven hundred streets in the City of Chicopee that they patrol. He stated that there is some money that he's going to be working on issues with the Police Department in the future. The Police Department is doing the best they can. The City Council will support anything they need to do their job.

Councilor Walczak stated that we all have issues with dirt bikes and speeding. He stated that in the past we've had either federal or state grants from the government for overtime to monitor speeding in different areas of the city. He stated he would like to discuss what measures are best available to monitor the speed through Police enforcement or some other way of doing it.

Councilor Tillotson stated that we need to make this issue a priority. It's going to get worse as the weather gets warmer. He stated the kids are going to be home from school, out on the streets more and out playing. He stated it needs to be a priority on the Police Department, even if we have to use overtime grant money. We need to make it a priority this summer and try to put an end to it.

Deputy Chief Dakin stated that some of the reasons why we can't make this our focus is we have overtime money out there for; walking beats, bike, traffic control and we can't fill them. He stated that the State has funded us to work with the State Police. He stated that nationally and in Massachusetts shots fired calls have been blown out of the roof since 2020. We had one hundred and seven shots fired calls in Chicopee in 2020. He stated that right now our focus. The City Council has been great with providing us with what we need equipment and training wise but right now we need bodies. He stated that the process takes about a year if the officer makes it through training before he hits the street. He stated that you can attempt to stop the motorcycles but they are a liability.

Captain Gawron stated that we have a partnership with different communities and we are working together to combat this issue. He stated that we have been writing citations for people with the loud mufflers but we can't be everywhere at one time. He stated that we are extremely short handed and the officers are doing the best that we can. He stated that they are working long hours and can't be everywhere.

Councilor Zygarowski stated that being a former Police Officer for thirty years himself and he has never seen such a change in the generations that are going on today, they just don't care. He stated that there is no respect out there and it's sad.

Deputy Chief Dakin stated that we feel the support from our community here.

Councilor Zygarowski stated that the City Council has done everything possible to give them what they need to make their job easier.

Councilor Courchesne stated it's not just the speeders it is the loud mufflers.

Councilor Laflamme motion to place on file – Councilor Labrie 2nd the motion – motion passed

Committee vote 5 – 0 favorable

ITEM #2

BE IT ORDERED THAT the C3 Program meet with the Public Safety Committee to discuss progress, challenges and initiatives.

Councilor Courchesne stated that it's been a year since this started. We're here to get an update and if there's anything we can do to help you progress with the program.

Captain Gawron stated for the last six months our job was completely upside down due to the Covid-19. He stated that the criminal, gang and drug violence has decreased. He stated that part of our role is to get the community involved. He stated that we are making great strides and hopefully soon we can have in person meetings again. It will build on the community togetherness in getting people involved with our activities.

Sargent Gazda gave talk on his operation for C3 in the Chicopee Center. He stated that as far as substance abuse the C3 program is designed to help these people get resources. He stated our goal in Chicopee Center is to make a safe and secure environment and reduce drug and gang activity. We want to be involved with all the people that live in down town Chicopee.

Public Input

Richard Jones, 1 Exchange Street stated that the C3 Officer can connect better than a Beat Officer cannot. He stated that he understands that the Police Department is short staffed they can't do it all. He stated that the biggest hurdle is getting the community involved.

Deputy Chief Dakin stated that he would like to start a C3 program in September. We like to get officers out there walking and biking in those areas and get the officers involved in the Boys and Girls Club.

Captain Gawron stated that we are aware of people who are causing problems in the neighborhood and we have organizations that can help them with programs to get them out of trouble.

Councilor Laflamme motion to place on file – Councilor Zygarowski 2nd the motion – motion passed

Committee vote 5 – 0 favorable

ITEM #3

BE IT ORDERED THAT Deputy Police Chief Dakin look into the total cost of purchasing and training officers and supervisors to be equipped with body cameras.

Councilor Zygarowski stated that this is a benefit to many Police Departments in the country. He stated that he thinks it's worth pursuing and getting ready for it.

Sergeant Gazda stated that these are preliminary numbers. We haven't designed the program and who would wear them, when and where. He stated that we don't have policies regarding retention. We currently went with a company that are the industry experts and we brought them in to discuss the program. The cost estimates are preliminary and a starting point for discussion. He stated that year one for one hundred ten officers will be about two hundred and eighty thousand dollars with a one hundred and fifty thousand year over year cost for the next four years. He stated that there is a lot of software that goes into it. He stated that we are talking about eight hundred and eighty seven thousand dollars over five years. He stated that we would need two full time officers to work on the program. He stated that it depends if it's evidentiary or non-evidentiary recordings. Every recording has to get categorized and tagged for retention periods. The administrators and our trainer would require some additional extensive training. He stated that there will be some upgrades to the Public Safety network. He stated that a grant would only take off a very small portion of the cost. He stated to apply for the grant we will need a lot more information.

Councilor Laflamme motion to place on file – Councilor Zygarowski 2nd the motion – motion passed

Committee vote 5 – 0 favorable

ITEM #4

Councilor Laflamme motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2020 – Councilor Zygarowski 2nd the motion – motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Chicopee residents petition to:

Restore Safety to our Litwin School Neighborhood Streets.

Moreau Drive, Angela Drive, Olko Circle, Etc.

During the past 5 years there has been a significant increase in the volume of traffic traveling our small neighborhood street, Moreau Drive and neighboring streets, Angela Dr., Olko Circle, Etc to access Litwin Lane.

This increased traffic volume can be largely attributed to Sunshine Village and the change in their business format that multiplied their employees and shuttles their customers to and from their Home Office location on Litwin Lane throughout the day. Additionally, traveling our small residential streets are those vehicles that travel to and from Litwin Elementary school and the forty-two (42) multi-car homes off Litwin Lane.

With this significant volume of traffic has come the blatant disregard for our residents' lives, our properties, and our safety. Additionally Chicopee's speed limits, Stop signs and MA Traffic Safety laws, i.e.. Stop for Red flashing school bus, that are blatantly ignored on a regular basis.

With Covid-19 protocols being lifted and the return to normal activities it is clear to residents in these neighborhoods that this serious traffic problem is again on the increase and needs to be corrected.

Therefore: We, the residents of Moreau Drive, Angela Drive, Olko Circle, and neighboring streets to Litwin Lane are calling on Mayor Vieau, Acting Police Chief Dakin, Chicopee Safety Committee, as well as the Chicopee City Councilors at Large and the entire city council to engage the necessary city resources to correct this serious and life-threatening problem to our residents and restore safety to our neighborhood's small streets.

Print Name	Address	Signatures
DAVID E. ROSSI	106 MOREAU DR.	David E. Rossi
Kim L. Rossi	106 MOREAU DR.	Kim L. Rossi
Anthony Bixby	107 MOREAU DR.	Anthony Bixby
David Bixby	107 MOREAU DR.	David Bixby
Wieslaw Gayewski	96 MOREAU DR.	W. G.
Teresa Gayewski	96 MOREAU DR.	T. G.
Wendy Turgeon	61 MOREAU DR.	Wendy Turgeon
Alexa Turgeon	61 MOREAU DR.	Alexa Turgeon
Ellen Donahue	59 MOREAU DR.	Ellen F. Donahue

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GARY W. DONAHUE	59 MOREAU DR.	Gary W Donahue
Linda Stewart	145 Post Rd	Linda Stewart
Bill Stewart	145 Post Rd	Bill Stewart
Abbey Stewart	145 Post Rd	Abbey Stewart
NORMAND G. GIRONARD	90 Angela Dr.	Normand Gironard
Nancy Fenton	81 Angela Dr.	Nancy Fenton
David Fenton	81 Angela Dr.	David Fenton
Ashley Fenton	81 Angela Dr.	Ashley Fenton
Brooke Fenton	81 Angela Dr.	Brooke Fenton
Susan LaPlante	71 Angela Dr.	Susan LaPlante
Glen LaPlante	71 Angela Dr.	Glen LaPlante
Siobhán McDonald	60 Angela Dr.	Siobhán McDonald
Desiree McDonald	60 Angela Dr.	Desiree McDonald
LIAM McDONALD	60 Angela Dr.	Liam McDonald
LIAM McDONALD	60 Angela Dr.	Liam McDonald
Leslie McDonald	60 Angela Dr.	Leslie McDonald
Kyle Nadeau	30 Angela Dr.	Kyle Nadeau
Richard Salmon	25 Angela Dr.	Richard Salmon
Heriberto Ortiz	1275 Burnett Rd	Heriberto Ortiz
Haimdi Adiguzel	1255 Burnett Rd	Haimdi Adiguzel
Behl Adiguzel	1255 Burnett Rd	Behl Adiguzel
Genevieve Wiener	1221 Burnett Rd	Genevieve Wiener

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Richard Wynn	1221 Burnett Rd	Richard Wynn
Janice Desrosiers	1221 Burnett Rd	Janice Desrosiers
Regina Nowak	129 Moreau Dr	Regina Nowak
Richard E Nowak	129 Moreau Dr	Richard E Nowak
Sandra A. Brown	1145 Burnett Rd	Sandra Brown
Melissa Prendergast	1285 Burnett Rd	Melissa Prendergast
Thomas Frimpong	20 Angela Dr. Chic	Thomas Frimpong
Adam Pietrykowski	51 ANGELA DR Chic	Adam Pietrykowski
April Hough	51 Angela Dr. Chic	April Hough
Dan Florence	101 Dobek Ave Chic	Dan Florence
JEFF KONTOFF	116 MOREAU DR	Jeff Kontoff
John F. Reed	76 CINNAMON Dr.	John F. Reed
Ruth E. Reed	76 CINNAMON Dr.	Ruth E. Reed
LISA M Pagnoni	142 MOREAU DR	Lisa M Pagnoni
Kenneth Dion	80 MOREAU DRIVE	Kenneth Dion
Jenn Senterre	79 MOREAU DRIVE	Jenn Senterre
Scott Senterre	79 Moreau Dr.	Scott Senterre
Robert J Langevin	69 Moreau Dr.	Robert J Langevin
Chris Beaudette	37 Moreau Dr	Chris Beaudette
Michelle Deveau	37 Moreau Dr	Michelle Deveau
Lisa Lomas	256 Murphy Lane	Lisa Lomas
Erik Cables	4 Moreau Ct.	Erik Cables

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Shayna Hebert	4 moreau ct	Shayna Hebert
Nick Hebert	4 moreau ct	Nick Hebert
Steven Hebert	4 Moreau Ct	Steven Hebert
Sean Dunn	27 Moreau Dr	Sean Dunn
Maurice Dunn	27 Moreau Dr	Maurice Dunn
PAT CONNELL	142 OLKO CIR	Patrick Connolly
Joe Forcione	154 OLKO CIR	Joe Forcione
Alice Forcione	154 OLKO Circle	Alice Forcione
Mary Desrosiers	145 Olko Circle	Mary Desrosiers
Andrew Desrosiers	145 Olko Circle	Andrew Desrosiers
Liz Chapdelaine	19 moreau Ct	Liz Chapdelaine
LORI CARRION PAGE	9 POST ROAD	Lori Carrion Page
Michael Boutin	4 Dobson Ave	Michael Boutin
Dianne Bayley	10 CARPENTIER AVE	Dianne Bayley
Edmund Bayley	10 CARPENTIER AVE	Edmund Bayley
PETER ROUSSEAU	1237 BURNETT RD	Peter Rousseau
Laurie J Rousseau	1237 BURNETT RD	Laurie J Rousseau
JOSE GONCALVES	147 MOREAU	Jose Goncalves
Robert Remillard	132 MOREAU DR	Robert Remillard
E/A Remillard	132 MOREAU DR	E/A Remillard
Alexi Tremblay	132 MOREAU DR	Alexi Tremblay

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Jill Pereira	147 moreau Drive	Jill Pereira
BRUNO GATOR	135 POST RD	Bruno Gator
Olivia M. Gator	135 POST RD	Olivia M. Gator
Karen Palmer	70 Angela Dr	Karen Palmer
Richard K. Palmer	70 Angela DR	Richard K. Palmer
Breanne Camerlin	89 Carpenter	Breanne Camerlin
ERIC CAMERLIN	89 CARPENTER AVE	Eric Camerlin
Lori Camerlin	89 Carpenter Ave	Lori Camerlin
Yvette Fontana	27 Olko Circle	Yvette Fontana
Lynn Maciolek	36 Olko Circle	Lynn Maciolek
Ken Rainville	44 Olko Circle	Ken Rainville
Melissa Rainville	44 Olko Circle	Melissa Rainville
Marth Blake	44 Olko Circle	Marth Blake
Jennifer Brewster	53 Olko Circle	Jennifer Brewster
Cassidy Snopce	53 Olko Circle	Cassidy Snopce
Paul Paul	54 Olko Cir	Paul Paul
DAWN COOKE	99 OLKO CIR	Dawn Cooke
COREY COOKE	99 OLKO	Corey Cooke
Bonnie Cooke	99 Olko Circle	Bonnie Cooke
John Doe	104 Olko Circle	John Doe
William Danga	108 Olko Cir	William Danga
Barbara Danga	108 Olko Cir	Barbara Danga

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Jennifer Patten	114 Olko Circle	J Patten
Christopher Schuy	114 Olko Circle	Chris Schuy
DANIELLE GAGNE	88 Olko Circle	Daniel Gagne
Ernest & Lorella	68 Moreau Dr.	E. & L.
Michael Taylor	97 MOREAU DR.	Michael Taylor
Julie Taylor	97 MOREAU DR.	Julie Taylor
Ryan Taylor	97 moreau Dr	Ryan Taylor
PAT GRACE	45 MOREAU DR.	Patricia Grace
Andrew J Grace	45 Moreau Dr.	Andrew Grace
Melanie M Trexler	139 Moreau Dr.	M Trexler
Michael R Trexler	139 Moreau Dr	Mike Trexler

Carla Grace

From: Katie Pires <kapeloquin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 9:01 AM
To: Carla Grace
Subject: Public Input for Public Safety Committee

Critical conversations are taking place all over our nation in regards to police reform and accountability. I'm glad to see Chicopee is joining that conversation in some measure. I feel that body worn cameras are a worthy investment that has positive elements for both our police department and the public. For being such an expensive investment, it seems to have wide spread support as well. Disagreement seems to come when we have all seen the same footage of use of force incidents and have vastly different opinions on if the use of force was justified. I think we need to be cognizant of that reality, that in a worst case scenario, protests and riots are not avoided because of video evidence.

I hope you'll move forward with the decision to implement BWC. I also hope you will draft a thoughtful policy that clearly identifies our community's specific needs, and successfully implements the use of BWC. The public should have access to the policy and the roll out of the cameras should be well publicized. The policy should support our officers and reward their good policing efforts. It should also be used to hold them accountable with training and correction if poor judgement calls or breaches of policy are repeatedly noted. Measures should be taken to assure the public, especially those who have committed no crime but called the police to report one or are experiencing a medical emergency, that their privacy can and will be considered and respected.

I look forward to hearing your discussions around this important decision.

Thank you,
Katherine Pires
[35 Beaumont Ave.](#) (Ward 3)

Personnel costs: Preliminary research indicates that at least two (2) full-time employees would be required to administer the body worn camera program. The suggestion is one Sergeant and one Patrolman be assigned exclusively to administer the program.

Duties would include training officers and supervisors (in conjunction with the Training Division), maintaining equipment and supporting infrastructure, dealing with technical issues, monitoring employee compliance (including random spot checks of recordings), ensuring video is categorized and tagged properly for proper retention period requirements, reviewing and redaction of video subject to requests for release for public information (which the recordings will qualify as) and court purposes. The time required for video requests would vary greatly depending on demand. The time required to categorize video would depend on the technical integration between the cameras and our CAD/RMS programs.

	Low (approx.)	High (approx.)
Sergeant	\$87,000.00	\$109,000.00
Patrolman	\$65,000.00 (step 13-17)	\$78,000.00

Most user training could likely be conducted through a combination of on-shift training and incorporation into annual in-service training. Administrators and trainers would require extensive additional training at an additional unknown (at this time) cost.

Some upgrades to the Public Safety network would also be needed as well as electrical work in the building. These costs are not available at this time.

Additional costs could be incurred through impact bargaining due to a change in working conditions with the bargaining units.

	Equipment/Service	Sergeant (Low)	Sergeant (High)	Patrolman (Low)	Patrolman (High)	Range (Low)	Range (High)
Year 1	\$ 281,556.00	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 433,556.00	\$ 468,556.00
Year 2	\$ 151,596.00	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 303,596.00	\$ 338,596.00
Year 3	\$ 151,596.00	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 303,596.00	\$ 338,596.00
Year 4	\$ 151,596.00	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 303,596.00	\$ 338,596.00
Year 5	\$ 151,596.00	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 303,596.00	\$ 338,596.00
	Equipment/Service					5 Year total cost (Low)	5 Year total cost (High)
Total 5 Year Cost	\$ 887,940.00					\$ 1,647,940.00	\$ 1,822,940.00
					Average per year -	\$ 329,588.00	\$ 364,588.00

Respectfully,



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C3 Program
5/19/21

To Whom it may concern:

Our c-3 program in Chicopee Center began operating on January 15th 2020, out of our sub-station at 35 Center St. I, Sgt. Gazda, along with Officer Slachetka and Off. Hevey are currently assigned to the team. C-3 Policing involves embedding police officers into a target community (Chicopee Center), working their entire shifts within this community. By doing this our goal is to build trust and legitimacy with residents and business owners, and being a permanent part of the community. C-3 is a model used by the U.S Special Forces when rebuilding communities in Iraq and Afghanistan (Counter Insurgency). C-3 Officers have performed cruiser patrols, walking patrols and bicycle patrols. We engage local residents and business owners in the community to find out what their concerns are in Chicopee Center and discuss how we can address these issues. Through these relationships we also attempt to gather intelligence on any criminal activity in the area.

We also attempt to find out information of people that live within the community that may be need of outreach support for substance abuse, homelessness, or may be in crisis and attempt to offer resources to these people, through various City/State agencies, private non-profits, or whoever can help. Before Covid, we held weekly community meetings at our sub-station at 35 Center St., every Wednesday at 10am. Since Covid restrictions we still conduct these meetings weekly through conference call.

GOALS OF C3:

- Create a safe and secure environment in Chicopee Center
- Establish relationships with residents/business owners, along with local outreach organizations.
- Reduce violence/gang activity
- Reduce drug activity
- Be involved with positive and effective youth/parental programs.

C3 Officers have worked with and received outreach support with the following organizations:

Behavioral Health Network (BHN)- currently working out of our 35 Center St. location Sun –Thur 10-6 pm and Mon-Fri 4-12am.

Tapestry Health- who assists C3 Officers with checking on homeless populations, low income populations, providing syringe pick up service.

Hope Worldwide- Provided donated food to C-3 Officers to get out to homeless people during the COVID Crisis.

Make Mass Fishing Spots Great Again (MMFFSGA)- volunteering their time to perform clean up along Chicopee River and throughout Massachusetts.

Elliot Group- providing handout information to assist homeless looking for shelter/housing.

Hampden County DA' Office- Magda Colon attends our weekly meetings to give out information on community safety efforts and community outreach offered by the DA's office.

TDI Fellow- Andrea Monson- attends our meetings on current updates promoting/building the image of Chicopee Center.

Amtrak Police- in contact with officers to assist with checks along train tracks, for safety in the area.

New North Citizens Council- Jose Claudio, outreach support provider for at risk youth/gang members. Also obtained Chicopee C-3 officers a \$5000 grant for activities in the future.

C3 officers have sought and were granted (4) section 35 warrants in Chicopee District Court for residents that were having serious substance abuse issues.

C3 Officers work closely and provide information to our Narcotics Detectives, we have assisted with (4) Search Warrants in the Chicopee Center Area since our placement : Locations on Emerald St., Bullens St., Dwight St., and Springfield St. During these searches narcotics were located and ammunition was seized.

C3 worked with the Family Dollar on Exchange St., on Graffiti removal from side of building, along with the DPW removing the same from electrical boxes in the center. We currently have notified other locations/landlords who are working on removing this also, which can take some time finding the correct product that will remove it.

C3 during this COVID Crisis has given out supply bags to our homeless/struggling residents, containing cleaning/sanitizing supplies as needed. We received donations of food product from several organizations to deliver to homeless/struggling residents who we contacted.

C3 PROGRESS: I feel that we have made great strides in establishing ourselves in Chicopee Center. We have great communication with residents we see on a daily basis and with business owners in the area, along with outreach support. We had two months in operation, before the Covid Pandemic, and worked in the Center throughout, and still continued our operations as safely as possible. See above mentioned activities and operations.

STRUGGLES: Getting the people that we deal with that need help to want or accept what we can offer to them for substance abuse / crisis help. We know that not everyone wants the police involved in their daily lives, but want to get more people involved with meetings and C3 communication.

FUTURE: Continue to build on our contact and communication with residents. Once COVID restrictions are lifted, we plan on being involved in activities with our youths in the area with different social programs in the area. We also plan on putting more events with C3 officers and the community. Continue to build on goals listed above.

I HAVE ATTACHED PHOTOS OF SOME OF THE EVENTS THAT C3 HAS PARTICIPATED IN OR PLANNED DURING OUR OPERATION.

CHICOPEE POLICE DEPARTMENT C3

The Chicopee Police Department's C3 team facilitates unity of effort and criminal intelligence gathering by, with, and through inter-agency, community, and private enterprise cooperation in order to detect, disrupt, degrade, and dismantle criminal activity in Chicopee Center

WEEKLY COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The C3 Division will be holding weekly call-in community meetings for individuals living, working, or providing aid within Chicopee Center

(978)990-5000

Access code: 273183#



HELPFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: 911

C3 Sgt Gazda: (413)378-7461

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Representatives of the Chicopee Police Department's C3 Unit, Commonwealth Care Alliance, Tapestry Health and Better Life are walked through sections of Chicopee Center on Sept. 18 to spread awareness of critical resources. *COURTESY PHOTO*

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The C3-Community Policing Unit in Chicopee Center along with local community outreach organizations will be hosting a Resource Fair for the residents of Chicopee tomorrow, 10/06/2020 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Wisniowski Park. Social distancing and wearing of masks will be mandatory. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available if needed. Refer to flier for rain date. [City of Chicopee - Mayor's Office](#)



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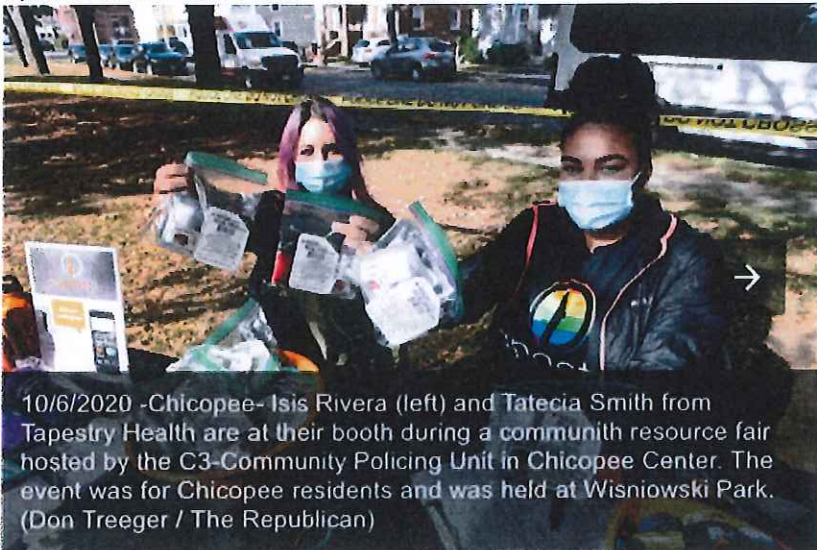
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Chicopee C3 Policing Unit hosts 'resource fair' to get to know and help downtown residents

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10/6/2020 -Chicopee- Isis Rivera (left) and Tatecia Smith from Tapestry Health are at their booth during a community resource fair hosted by the C3-Community Policing Unit in Chicopee Center. The event was for Chicopee residents and was held at Wisniowski Park. (Don Treeger / The Republican)

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CHICOPEE — After dozens of people picked up information about resources for senior citizens, help for those addicted to heroin, and information about adult education and fuel assistance, Police Officer John Slachetka declared the first downtown Resource Fair a success.

